

REMARKS

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to and has been amended appropriately to obviate the objection.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 3–5 and 19–28 and the allowability of claims 32 and 33.

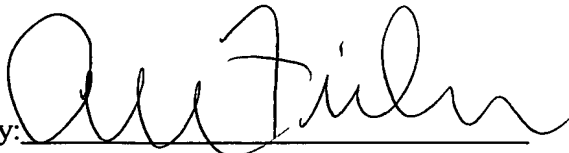
Claims 1, 2, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 3,086,596 to Allegretti et al. Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Allegretti in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0034940. Claim 1 has been canceled by amendment herein. Claims 2, 29 and 30 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 3. Claims 2, 29, 30 and 31 are now allowable for the same reasons as claim 3.

Claims 32 and 33 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 32 and 33 have been rewritten in independent form, by amendment herein, including all of the limitations of their base claim, claim 1.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36245.

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